

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions that admirably have met the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods down through the years; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church of Maysville, Missouri, was founded in 1857 by the Reverend David Anderson and was reorganized after the Civil War in 1867 under the leadership of the Reverend T.N. O'Bryan; and

Whereas, after meeting in a log courthouse, the congregation of Maysville First Baptist Church began construction in 1869 of a new brick church building that was dedicated for worship in 1872; and

Whereas, after fire destroyed the Maysville First Baptist Church structure in 1948, the congregation once again embraced the challenge of creating adequate worship and education facilities by constructing another church building, which was dedicated in 1949; and

Whereas, Maysville First Baptist Church has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for having members who are very active in such worthwhile educational and outreach venues as Sunday School, the Women's Missionary Union, Royal Ambassadors, Girls Auxiliary, Acteen, and Vacation Bible School; and

Whereas, member devotion to Maysville First Baptist Church can be traced to its early history when a school teacher and charter member, Sue McElwain, gave two months of her salary to the new church and engaged in additional fund-raising activities; and

Whereas, today Maysville First Baptist Church is led by pastor Rodney Dorr and takes part in such activities as a sister church relationship with Belarus Baptist Church and the construction of new sanctuary and office facilities; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri churches as Maysville First Baptist Church at momentous times in their histories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Maysville First Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary celebration on October 7, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of First Baptist Church of Maysville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker